



**REQUEST FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION  
(RCE) TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant  
application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

Application Number	09/414,121
Filing Date	10/08/1999
First Named Inventor	Steele et al.
Group Art Unit	3622
Examiner Name	Alvarez, R.
Attorney Docket Number	NSP00012

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.  
Note: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to  
May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d)  
(PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See changes to  
Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice Interim Rule 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000).  
1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (April 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously  
filed on \_\_\_\_\_ (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously  
filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**2. ☐ Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of Action on the above-identified application is requested under  
37 C.F.R. 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months.  
(Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.117(i) required.)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. ☒ Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.117 (e) is required by 37 C.F.R. 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to  
Deposit Account No. 13-4772
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e)
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed.
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED**

Name (Printed/Type) Thomas V. Miller

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Date November 13, 2002

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